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SUBJECT: HASSAN Y. YASSIN

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1. WHILE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE FULL DATA ON PERSONAL BACKGROUND OF YASSIN, INFORMATION IN REFTEL BELIEVED TO BE CORRECT. INS FILES SHOW HE WAS BORN IN MECCA, SAUDI ARABIA, ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1936. HE HAS HELD US RESIDENT ALIEN STATUS SINCE MAY, 1970. HIS WIFE IS AMERICAN CITIZEN.

2. HIS FATHER WAS MINISTER AND PERSONAL ADVISOR TO KING ABDUL AZIZ AND KING SAUD. YASSIN HAS REPUTATION OF BEING SOMETHING OF A "WHEELER-DEALER," BUT IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS REPUTABLE BUSINESSMAN AND IS RECOGNIZED AS BEING WELL INFORMED ABOUT SAUDI AND ARAB OIL BUSINESS GENERALLY. WHILE HE HAS GOOD CONNECTIONS WITH SAUDI AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY SOURCE HE IS NOT A SAUDI GOVERNMENT AGENT. HE IS RETAINED BY SEVERAL SMALL US OIL COMPANIES WHICH HAVE SOUGHT IN THE PAST OR ARE SEEKING TO PURCHASE IN FUTURE SAUDI PARTICIPATION (SAUDI-OWNED) CRUDE.

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3. YASSIN IS PRESIDENT OF YASSIN ASSOCIATES OF MC LEAN,

VIRGINIA, WHICH STATES THAT IT HAS BRANCHES IN BEIRUT,
JIDDA, RIYADH, AND LONDON. YASSIN ASSOCIATES IS A MEMBER
OF THE AMERICAN ARAB ASSOCIATION FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY,

A REPUTABLE NEW YORK ORGANIZATION COMPRISED OF AMERICAN
COMPANIES WITH ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. RUSH

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